

Farm Demonstration Department

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CONDENSED REPORT OF ADVICE BY EXTENSION SPEAKERS.

Culture Methods.

Under weevil conditions, as discussed here, March 1st, we were advised: Thorough preparation of the soil before planting; plant reasonably early, using 1 to 1-2 bushels of seed to the acre; plant a variety of cotton that will set the earliest crop of fruit. The varieties best fitted for this, we were told, after thorough test for years under weevil conditions are Wannamaker, Cleveland and Improved Mexican Big Boll.

Leave cotton thick in the drill to increase both earliness and yield. Results were shown of an experiment with different spacings as follows: Cotton left unthinned, produced over 2,000 pounds of seed cotton per acre. That left 6 inches, produced something over 1,400 pounds per acre; and as the space became wider, the yield on an average, showed relatively less.

It was shown that the Wannamaker Cleveland and Mexican varieties produce staples measuring 15-16 and 1-1/8, respectively, making them more valuable especially when sold through co-operative marketing, on grade.

We were advised to apply 600 to 1,000 pounds of fertilizer per acre to cotton, but to increase the acid phosphate 2 per cent, leave the nitrogen about the same and if any change in potash, lessen about 1 per cent. These changes are required to hasten maturity and tend to beat the weevil. The nitrogen used should be of a readily available character, as nitrate of soda and sulphate of ammonia, and we were advised to apply it all at planting time. We assume that this advice was general and applied to the heavy.

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Last Call for Taxes.

The law provides that on April 1st, the Sheriff shall advertise for sale all property on which the taxes have not been paid. Therefore, this is to notify all parties who have not paid their State and County Taxes, that if same is not paid on or before April 1st, 1922, the same will be advertised and cost added. Please attend to this matter at once and save cost. I will have no choice in this, but am forced to comply with the law.

R. L. McDonald, Sheriff.

PUT IT UP TO PAYNE

"Honestly it's the best Policy."

HAMLET POSTOFFICE.

Secretary of the Republican Executive Committee Endorsed for Hamlet Postmaster, But Fails to Make High Enough Grade to Get on Eligible List!

It has been suggested that possibly the members of the Republican Executive Committee of Richmond county should feel a bit mortified that the creature of their endorsement for Hamlet postmaster, T. E. Dabbs, should have failed to even get on the eligible list.

Mr. Dabbs is secretary of the Executive Committee. He duly secured the endorsement of the machine, but when it came to the test that even a Republican political organization at Washington lays down, he couldn't come up to the mark.

R. B. Terry, the Democratic postmaster at Hamlet, has been what is called a "hold-over." His term expired last year, but he has been continued in office until a suitable Republican could be appointed. An "examination" was called for recently, and he, a Mr. Clark, Jenks Terry and T. E. Dabbs sent in papers. The result of the examination shows that the Democrat lead (as was to be expected), Mr. Terry getting a mark of 86, Mr. Clark was second with 80, and Mr. Jenks Terry third with 76. Mr. Dabbs, the endorsed, came under the wire below the 70 mark, and therefore could not be included in the eligible list. The rules of the Department are that one of three eligibles can be selected, without regard to who has the actual highest mark; and so Mr. Jenks Terry was given the plum, and he will be the next postmaster at Hamlet.

The chances are the Executive Committee will not be so hasty in what they endorse or sign in the future; they will likely make sure first that their man can at least make a grade of 70.

Heavy Rainfall.

An unusually heavy rainfall occurred here Tuesday. From midnight Monday night to noon Tuesday 2 3/4 inches of rain fell. Already this month the precipitation amounts to 6 inches. In the entire month of February 6 1/2 inches fell.

High water held the ferry up but two days this month.

Colored Boy to Asylum.

Willie Morrison, a colored youth about 15 years old, was carried to the Asylum at Goldsboro Wednesday morning by Lewis Steele. The boy has had quite a record. He tried to steal the Gore Ford some two years ago; then later was instrumental in Ben Long and others breaking jail by giving them an axe, wire, etc., and then last fall he shot at another negro in Hamlet. Willie evidently has a defective mind.

Mr. Long is Postmaster.

Mr. W. F. Long, Jr., is now Acting Postmaster for the Rockingham office, he taking charge Tuesday morning. Postmaster W. S. Thomas received a wire Monday night from the Department at Washington notifying him to immediately turn the office over to Mr. Long. This Mr. Thomas did at midnight Monday night. Further reference to the postoffice can be seen in the editorial columns of this paper.

Chautauqua Dates.

The approximate opening date for the Redpath Chautauqua to be held at Rockingham will be June 7th. Our folks well remember the splendid Chautauqua of last Spring. In fact, so enthused were they that something like 62 men and women signed as guarantors for this year. With the high-class attraction, and cheapness in price, and the large number of guarantors, there is every reason why the event should be a financial success.

A Chautauqua is an established institution for any town; it is an important factor in community life. With the hearty cooperation of all, the week beginning June 7th should be the greatest event for good cheer and wholesome influence that Rockingham can possibly have.

Marriage Licenses.

Feb. 25—Sam Robinson and Clara Robinson, colored.

Feb. 25—Wm. L. Bryant and Pinkie Stogner, white.

Feb. 27—William Boyd and Bella Jackson, colored.

March 4—James Calvin McKay and Berta Elizabeth Munn, white.

March 4—Chess Ewing and Ella Barner, colored.

March 4—Edward Stansill and Annie Barrett, white.

Heath to Court.

A colored youth giving his home as Carthage, named Lee Heath, was bound to April 10th term of Court Monday under bond of \$700 on three charges. He was arrested by Constable C. W. Wrenn near Hoffman Sunday and concealed on his person was a shot-gun, unbreached, that he is charged with having stolen from Alex Cameron, colored, of Beaver Dam. Mr. "Bud" Bounds, also of Beaver Dam, says he was lying down in his house Sunday when he heard his car outside cranked, and looking out saw this negro in the act of driving off. He called to him and reached for his own shot-gun. The boy ran, and he snapped both barrels, but the gun was not loaded. Lee will sojourn at the county hotel until Court convenes, he being unable to raise the required bond.

COMMISSIONERS MEET

County Attorney Authorized to Proceed in Securing Site for New Courthouse. Specifications About Ready for Bids. Rural Policeman Discontinued April 1st. April 10th Jury Drawn.

The county commissioners were in session last Monday, present being H. D. Hatch, L. D. Frutchey, J. W. Capel and Jno. A. McNeill. Chairman B. F. Reynolds was detained at his home by sickness.

The Board passed an order directing the County Attorney, Ozmer L. Henry, to proceed in the matter of securing the desired land on Main street, west of the Farmers Bank, for the new courthouse. The property belongs to several different parties; some are understood to be willing to sell, while one or more others object and same will probably have to be condemned and the value appraised. The plans for the new building are complete now, and the full specifications should be received within the next week so that an advertisement for bids can be placed.

The Board ordered that the position of Rural Policeman be discontinued after April 1st. A similar order was passed at the December meeting, to be effective January 1st, but it was revoked. It is now passed again.

It was ordered that J. C. Baldwin be released of the tax on three dogs, the dogs being used by the county.

The jury for the April 10th term of Court for criminal cases was drawn:

I P Pittman	E T Green
J T Henry	S L Webb
J B Brigman	J H Webb
Ernest White	C J Mills
W C Gibson	J T West
R E Mills	J A Howell
W H H Bagwell	J R Ewing
Paul Bennett	A M Flowers
Robt. P. Clark	R H Gibson
Geo. P. Entwistle	O W Doster
W F Phillips	O F Reynolds
T O Marsh	Jas. H. Covington

"Feed the Family" Campaign.

The State-wide movement which is soon to be organized for the purpose of urging the people to raise their own food supplies will be started vigorously in Richmond county. Mr. W. H. Barton, County Farm Demonstrator, Mrs. John Sandy Covington, Home Demonstrator, and County Supt. L. J. Bell are planning a campaign with this object in view and hope to reach the people in the various sections of the county by a series of meetings to be held in 9 or 10 of the school communities. They expect the active cooperation of the teachers and pupils of the schools and through them hope to reach the homes represented.

A meeting about 2 hours in length will be held at each school

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WILL OLD CALVIN GO ?

(Written by a Republican.)

"The darn old Party—once again Girds up its shaking loins; And led by little Watt, It's fragments firmly joins. It plainly has but little pride Nor cares a rap for foe, But is going to let Sir Tucker slide And bid old Calvin go."

"Broken and worn the old machine Continues stanch and tough; Altho rather rusty and unclear It's gear is good enough. It is only with the family allied And wants no friendly foe; So it lets old Crawford slide And bids "Little Bill" to go."

Politics Warming.

"Count that day lost Whose low descending sun, Finds no candidate ready And anxious to run."

Every day, almost, sees a new candidate enter the field. The latest is Henry L. Guthrie, who announces himself as a candidate for the office of Register of Deeds. His opponent will be the present Register, Robert L. Johnson.

This makes two candidates for Register, five for Clerk and 5 for Sheriff. Verily, a warm time approacheth. And since the lists are by no means closed, it is likely other candidates will throw their hat in the ring. It is a foregone certainty that some dozen men will come out for County Commissioner. In addition to the old Board, the paper has heard that T. B. Baxley, George Terry, Zack Ellerbe, Mr. Matheon, of Steele's, and a number of others are considering offering themselves as candidates. None of these men have given formal notice of their intention, but this is the report.

Superior Court.

Superior Court for trial of civil cases will convene March 20th, with Judge Webb presiding. The calendar of cases is in this issue.

Edgar Davis Manager.

J. W. Leak has bought the interest of M. W. Leak in the U-Save-It store, and now owns the entire business. Edgar Davis began work Monday as manager of the store, he having been heretofore in charge of the shipping department of the McRae Grocery Co.

Girls Basketball Friday.

Rockingham and Roberdel girls basketball teams will play for the county championship tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at 3:30 at the Pee Dee school. They were to have played last Tuesday, but the game was rained out.

SPECIAL—\$35 blue serge suits for \$29.50 at Dockery-McNair Clothing Co. See page 7. adv

SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION

\$25,000 Bond Election for Peach Land District, Composed of Prospect, Marston, Cognac and Marks Creek School Districts. Special School Tax Elections April 15th for Hopewell and Marks Creek.

The Board of Education in session Monday ordered the consolidation of four one-teacher school districts into what will be known as the "Peach Land" district. The territory embraces part of Beaver Dam and Marks Creek, and the four schools are Cognac, Marston, Prospect and Marks Creek. An election will be held in this newly formed district on April 22nd on the question of issuing \$25,000 in bonds for erecting a suitable building. The registrar is W. A. Wilkes, and pollholders J. E. Mercer and Nelson Gibson. The registration books open March 18, and will close April 15.

With the present enrollment of the four schools, \$25,000 would give a building in excess of the requirements. But undoubtedly the peach developments going on in that community will furnish within the next two years, or such a matter, an enrollment that a smaller building would not accommodate.

The districts of Marston, Cognac and Prospect already have a special school tax, and it is necessary that Marks Creek district have such, the machinery for such a levy. Accordingly, a special school tax election will be held in Marks Creek district April 15th with J. H. McDuffie as registrar and M. J. Terry and N. A. Wilkes as poll holders. Books will open March 18th and close April 8th. A special school tax election will be held for Hopewell district, near Hamlet, also on April 15th, with Newberry Jacobs as registrar. The books open March 18th and close April 8th. The amount of the levy cannot exceed 30 cents on the \$100, nor 90 cents on the poll.

To Help with Income Tax.

Deputy Collector W. V. Brown has prevailed upon the department at Raleigh to send Revenue Agent Wm. F. Rucker to Rockingham on March 13th and 14th for the purpose of assisting individuals and corporations in making their income tax returns. So bear this in mind, you who have put the matter off to the last, and meet Mr. Rucker when he comes and get that blank filled in.

Jenks Terry Confirmed.

The Senate Wednesday confirmed the appointment of Jenks Terry as postmaster at Hamlet.

Paramount Presents

Milton Sills and Ann Forest

in

"THE FAITH HEALER"

Friday, March 10

AT THE STAR THEATRE

Come one, come all. Matinee 2:30,

night at 7 o'clock.

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Others consider it better to pay a little for insurance than to lose a lot by fire. How about you?

We represent the most reliable companies in America.

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A. G. CORPENING, Sec-Treas.

Office in Hotel Building

Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

The regular annual meeting of the Stockholders of The Richmond County Savings Bank, Rockingham, N. C., will be held in their Banking Quarters, on WEDNESDAY, March 15th, 1922, at Eleven o'clock.

W. L. SCALES, Cashier.

February 15th, 1922.

The Richmond County Savings Bank

ROCKINGHAM, N. C.

"The Bank On the Square"

Open each SATURDAY until 5 p. m.